
Campaigners trying to preserve the wartime coding centre at Bletchley Park are celebrating a victory. The site where German codes were cracked during World War II has won its first lottery grant. Rory Cellan-Jones reports:

It's widely regarded as one of the most significant contributors to the defeat of Germany during World War II but the Bletchley Park **code-breaking site** is **in a poor state of repair**.

A year ago a campaign began to preserve the site, and now **it's scored a major success**. Britain's Heritage Lottery Fund has given **the trust** which runs Bletchley Park nearly \$600,000 **to work up its plans** to turn it into a **world-class** museum and educational centre, with **the promise of** another \$6,000,000 if those plans **work out**.

Campaigners, who've already won **recognition for Bletchley Park veterans** and an apology for the treatment of the leading code-breaker Alan Turing, say the lottery grant is more recognition of the vital role Bletchley Park played in Britain's history.

Rory Cellan-Jones, BBC News

Vocabulary and definitions

it's widely regarded as	a lot of people think or believe that it is
code-breaking site	place where secret messages that were sent by the enemy during World War II were decoded. (If you decode something or break the code you understand something that was meant to be a secret)
in a poor state of repair	(of a building) is badly damaged or has not been maintained or looked after well
it's scored a major success	it has been very successful
the trust	an organisation which controls property and/or money for another person (or here, a building)
to work up its plans	to explain its ideas in more detail
world-class	one of the best of its type in the world
work out	are successful
campaigners	people who campaign, lobby or publicly demand that something changes
recognition for Bletchley Park veterans	public respect and thanks to the people who used to work in Bletchley Park

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